

A Timeline of Indiana History - 1795 - 1800

November 22, 1798 - Silver Creek Church Established - Clarksville

The first recorded Baptist Church in what is now Indiana organized on November 22, 1798. Organized by John Fislar and John Pettit, the church was located near Owens Creek, just east of Charlestown, Indiana. The congregation moved to a location near Sellersburg near Silver Creek in 1801. They built a log church in 1804. A new brick church replaced this structure in 1824. Influenced by the ministry of Alexander Campbell, the Silver Creek Baptist Church congregation split. All but 10 members chose to become members of the Campbell's Restoration Movement. The church became known as the Christian Church at Silver Creek. The members that chose to remain Baptists shared the church with the other congregation until the Campbellites built their own church, the Stony Point Christian Church, in 1858. The Baptists dismantled the church in 1861 and used the brick to construct a new church, the Red Brick Church near Sellersburg.

John Fislar (April 25, 1762 - June 28, 1833)

The son of Johan and Sarah Brookin Fislar, John was native to Middlesex Co., New Jersey. Family lore relates that John was a drummer boy during the Revolutionary War and served in the War of 1812. He and his wife Sophia had three children.

John is interred at Bethlehem Cemetery,

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Bethlehem, and Clark County, Indiana.

John Pettit (April 12, 1766 - September 6, 1833)

The son of Nathaniel and Margaret Grietje Petit, John was native to New Jersey. Sometime around 1788 he and Catherine Covert married in Woodford, Kentucky. The couple would have 9 children. In 1801 John served as one of the supervisors of public roads and highways for Springville. Turner and his wife are interred at Turner Cemetery Bethlehem, Clark County, Indiana.

Alexander Campbell (12 September 1788 – 4 March 1866)

The son of Thomas Campbell and Jane Corneigle Campbell, Alexander was native to Ballymena, Ireland. While attending the University of Glasgow he came under the influence of the Scottish Enlightenment. The Scottish Enlightenment emphasized that adherents study closely new books and participate in intense discussions in Edinburgh social gatherings. The movement believed that adherents take a humanist and rational outlook to all things. They advocated that any law that could not be rationalized by reason should be resisted. They believed that they could better society with a rational, reasoned approach. Campbell married Margaret Brown in 1811, with whom he would have eight children. Margaret's father had extensive land holdings near Bethany, Virginia. The couple migrated to the area sometime after 1811. After the birth of their first daughter, Campbell studied the rite of baptism, finding he could not support it if done at

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